



# WHY HAVE STUDENT E-MAIL?

## WHAT IS IT?

*Students have access and utilize an electronic communication account so that they may communicate with another individual or groups of individuals.*

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

- *Students have an opportunity to exchange ideas.*
- *Discussions permit deeper understanding of content.*
- *Career opportunities can be explored in more depth.*
- *Geographic barriers are removed.*
- *Cost and expense of talking to an expert is decreased.*
- *More immediate communication takes place.*

## HOW DOES IT IMPACT STUDENT LEARNING?

- *Students gain deeper content knowledge.*
- *Learning has more purpose with authentic audiences.*
- *Understanding of global issues is enhanced and made immediate.*
- *Authentic tasks with authentic audiences improve writing skills.*

## HOW DOES A CLASSROOM TEACHER IMPLEMENT STUDENT E-MAIL?

- *Classroom teachers arrange group or individual student email accounts.*
- *Teachers decide which projects within a content area lend themselves to email.*

## WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF E-MAIL PROJECTS?

*Student email can be used in at least 6 areas to enhance learning.*

- ☐ *Students can:*
  - ☐ *-Communicate with an Expert or go on a Virtual Expedition*
  - ☐ *-Peer Conference in writing and add notes for comments*
  - ☐ *-Become E-Pals with someone far away*
  - ☐ *-Explore different careers*
  - ☐ *-Research and Communicate*

## HOW DOES A TEACHER PREPARE STUDENTS TO USE E-MAIL?

*Teachers prepare students to use email by **1.)** explaining email etiquette and acronyms, **2.)** discussing the acceptance of different points of view, and **3.)** explaining copyright issues.*